

POTTER PALMER'S CAREER

Incidents Which Showed His Eccentric Character.

(New York Tribune.)

Chicago.—Potter Palmer, the dean of the hotel owners of this city, former merchant prince and later the largest holder of real estate here, though a many-sided man in business and social life, had little of the humor in his nature. Rather, there was in him that which might be termed eccentricity.

While the Potter Palmer family has always figured conspicuously in society, not only here, but elsewhere in this country and abroad, Potter Palmer had a personality of his own which kept him apart from distinctly social life. He was in every sense of the phrase a thorough business man—strict, exacting, and of the strictest integrity. Generous by nature, he was generous to letting the general public know of his benefactions, and his good deeds were known only to those who executed his wishes in this respect. In public affairs, to promote the community welfare as well as in the rebuilding of the city, he was entirely brain-gauged.

Despite his strict devotion to affairs there were certain incidents in his manner of doing things that reveal Mr. Palmer in his eccentric and lighter moods. It is recalled by a man who held a responsible position in his employ, that at one time he suddenly became possessed of the notion that too long tenure in a job by any of his help was detrimental to the successful carrying on of the Palmer House. One day at an unusual hour he went to the day room and found the engineer, in his greasy overalls, busy at his duties.

"What are you?" asked Mr. Palmer, "the busy mechanic."

"How long have you been working here?"

"Fourteen years."

"That's too long, too long," said Mr. Palmer. "You go to the cashier and get your pay and get out. You're discharged."

"But, Mr. Palmer, I haven't neglected my work, sir."

"Never mind that," retorted Mr. Palmer, "you just do as I tell you."

The engineer did as he was bidden, and disappeared. Later in the day Mr. Palmer accosted his brother-in-law, his representative in the management of the hotel, who was talking to a fairly well-dressed man in the lobby of the hotel, and informed him of the discharge of the engineer, and the need of employing another in his place.

"Why, here's a man looking for just such a job," Mr. Palmer, said the manager, with a twinkle in his eye.

"Well, if he's competent, put him to work," replied Mr. Palmer.

And the man, who was the old engineer, attired in his Sunday clothes, resumed his duties as engineer. Mr. Palmer not having recognized him. The engineer kept his job until he was ready to quit it for a better one.

Before Mr. Palmer undertook personally to manage his hotel he leased the various privileges of the establishment, restaurant, barber shop, ticket agency, etc. A period of higher rent came along and Mr. Palmer decided to advance the prices charged the lessees of the various privileges. He called on the barber and told him that he was obliged to raise his rent. The barber readily agreed to pay more. Then Mr. Palmer informed him that he would also require the payment of a graded commission on the business.

To this the barber also gave ready consent. Later on thinking the matter over and recalling how readily the barber had agreed to the imposition of new terms, Mr. Palmer concluded that the barber shop was a good thing as a money maker, and it was not long before it came directly under the control of the hotel management.

As an illustration of how closely he attended to the details of his business affairs, a patron of the Turkish bath department of the Palmer House relates this incident. He went to the hotel bath rooms late one night, and, after his bath, sought the seclusion of one of the lounging rooms to sleep. He had hardly got asleep, it seemed, when he was awakened by a pounding on the wall. When able to distinguish what was going on, he saw a man on a ladder with hammer and chisel, punching a hole in the wall, and near by, intently watching the work, was Mr. Palmer. And this at 7:30 a. m.

A peculiarity Mr. Palmer possessed as a landlord was one which his tenants, as a rule, did not relish at all. Though the houses he built to rent were models of attractiveness and comfort, he made it a fixed rule to compel the tenants to furnish the gas fixtures, water attachments for the lavatories and kitchens, and even the door knobs. All other house owners in Chicago not only furnished all these things, but also the inside shades for the windows.

A few years ago, owing to his advancing years, his family tried to persuade Mr. Palmer to give up his active interest in his business affairs, and especially his hotel, which was his chief interest. He was persuaded to establish a big department store there. Mr. Wanamaker was carried on with John Wanamaker to buy the property and establish a big department store there. Mr. Wanamaker and his son came on to close the deal, but Mr. Palmer then refused flatfooted to sell up his hotel, in which his greatest interest centered, and the negotiations were off.

Some Modern Myths.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The man who can pass a sign that says "Paint" without testing the paint to see if it is dry.

The man who can slip on the sidewalk without turning around to see if anyone is looking.

The man who doesn't think he could run the house with half the work and expense employed by his wife.

The man who ever forgave another man for catching him in a lie.

The man who doesn't think that he would be a shining light in politics if he only had the time.

The man who doesn't know that he could conduct a newspaper more fairly and ably than any living editor.

The man who can see a pretty girl cross a muddy street and look the other way.

The man who is not positive that he owes whatever success he may have made in life to his own untold efforts.

The man who could not give the president pointers on national and international policy.

Never lived.

An Engineer's Fast Run.

An engineer on one of the roads entering here, in speaking last night of fast runs said: "Although my machine is not slow, once let a cold get six hours the start of me and my machine is no match for H. I have for years kept a bottle of Kemp's Balsam constantly in my cab, and when a cold or cold gets a start of this standard remedy it is indeed a 'cold day.' Price, 25c and 50c. For sale by Godde-Pitts Drug company."

INTERIOR DECORATION.

Suggestions For Color Scheme in Halls and Dining Rooms.

(Upholsterer.)

Interior decoration is an art. It is the art of bringing together, in perfect harmony, kindred forms and blending colors. In the same measure as a dish of color in wall, floor or window decoration, or a piece of furniture, mounted on a wall or in a room, with its surroundings, will create a dissonance in an otherwise harmonious interior.

There are many persons not familiar with market values and decorative articles, who are under the false impression that a successful scheme of interior decoration requires a large expenditure of money. Given where money is spent lavishly the results are often unsatisfactory, and sometimes failure is complete. Yet, where the means are limited and the expenditure is of necessity relatively small, artistic skill and good judgment often produce gratifying results. The general effect is not dependent on the costliness of the wall paper, the carpets and the draperies, but on the color sense and skill with which they are combined.

As you enter the hall gives the first impression of the interior, and this impression should be a good one. A good color for the wood-work of a reception hall would be either natural or green oak. If the former is

used the wall paper may be steel blue or green. With the latter either a rich red or tan can be used. Solid color burials are very suitable for the walls. The ceiling should have some decoration in heraldic or Gothic style.

If the hall is square and spacious it may be treated as a room, being furnished with pictures and ornaments. The ceiling of hard wood an Oriental rug in proper colors will lend a charm and the appearance of cosiness and

comfort. In hangings there is an overabundance of fabrics which may be used to good advantage, such as tapestries and velours, Verona velours and velours with leather applique or borders.

It is only a few years since all parlors were furnished in white and gold, presenting a very flat appearance. White enameled woodwork is the most appropriate for a modern parlor. With this any good color, especially Nile

green or rose, can be used with great effect.

The walls may be treated in two-toned brocade paper, oil cloth or silk brocade, or tapestry may be employed. If the latter the wall spaces can be divided in panels. A plain wall is pleasantly relieved by a good frieze, if the height of the room permits, and a decorated ceiling. There is a great tendency to simplicity in draperies today.

Small figured armures and brocades are used to a great extent. In some rooms, with high ceilings and plain window frames, cornices and embroidered lambrequins are in good form. The floor covering must harmonize with the wall hangings, and the writer absolutely prohibits the use of family portraits in any medium in this room. For the library empire green is suggested for wall color, in burlap, plain paper or oil paint. Here all the family

and other portraits of interest may be gathered. Figured tapestry or velours is advised for draperies.

The dining room is one of the most important in the house, and demands careful treatment. Flemish oak woodwork and furniture produce a pleasant contrast with solid red or solid Dutch blue walls. The lower part of the walls may be of plain burlap, paper or paint, while the upper part may be

made the main feature of the room by means of a frescoed frieze in German or French renaissance. Recently the upper third of dining room walls has been effectively treated by painting a Dutch landscape or marine view into them. In hangings a bold colored velour, with black leather embroidery, to harmonize with the Flemish woodwork is pleasing. This is merely one method of treatment. There are hundreds of others equally good.

WALKER'S STORE.

Entire Stock of Men's Clothing
33 1/3 Off Regular Prices.

The great spring clearance which comes to you once in each year. An "extraordinary" sale, indeed! But that's poor emphasis for such a stupendous occasion, when an entirely new stock of America's most distinguished clothing—and such the "Chesterfield" is, a fact proven to men throughout this state, as well as in the many others—with scarcely two months' selling out of it, containing every smart fashion of spring and summer suit and overcoat, is set down to you at a third off only fair and right—ful prices. The tailoring in every suit of "Chesterfield" is superb, the finest that clearest tailors can give, the method of cutting is such as to show a man's figure at its best, the materials in the lowest price to highest is all wool and will not stretch out or lose its shape; in fact the kind of suits that because of being built right will stay right. For men and grown-up boys.

Entire stock of Men's suits—outing flannel, crash and all spring garments, \$12.50 to \$35.00—Have One-third Taken Off These Prices.

All overcoats, \$12.50 to \$35.00—One-third Off These Prices.

All trousers, \$2.00 to \$8.00—One-third Off These Prices.

All youths' suits, \$6.50 to \$18.00—One-third Off These Prices.

Furnishings Opportunity.

A choice collection of men's fancy shirt ties to be worn with the high turn down collar and batwing shapes, made of good and pretty silks, right colorings and values to 50c each—15c.

Men's negligee and outing shirts—some broken lines—medium colors and light, attached collars, reduced from 50c and 75c to—39c.

A sixty dozen lot of men's black mace cotton half hose, all sizes, 10c a pair regular—6c.

Men's half hose of mercerized black cotton with bright color heels and toes, and lisle thread in fancy effects of stripes, embroidered and drop stitch, all new this season and 35c a pair values for—19c.

Broken lines of men's balbriggan shirts and drawers, fancy derby stripes and plain color, up to 50c each garments—19c.

Men's fine silken shirts and drawers, pink, blue, brown and tan, jersey fitting, line somewhat broken, reduced from \$1.25 each to—75c.

There's about one hundred men's fedora hats here that have sold down 1/2 light colors only—but some were priced up to \$3.50 each, now for a very speedy clearance a choice of any—75c.

A Lively Price Reduction on Men's Shoes.

As accompaniment to the Men's Clothing sale. The knowledge is broadcast in the land that the Walker Store shoes for men are second to none made. Not an unworthy make gets into this stock, so buy the cheapest or high-priced you will find the best of leathers made over the smartest style lasts, by builders who know how to make for comfort and wear. These remarkable concessions from regular prices for Monday and the week—

Men's tan Russian calf oxfords, the splendid Edwin Clapp make reduced from \$5.50 to—\$3.65.

Men's "Crossett" patent calf shoes with extension soles, instead of \$4.00—\$3.40.

Patent corona shoes, for men, \$5.00 regular—\$3.85.

Men's congress and lace shoes with plain toes, that were \$2.75 to \$3.50, this week—\$2.10.

Broken lines of men's canvas shoes and oxfords, \$2.50 to \$3.00 kinds at—\$1.45.

RUBBER BOOTS.

The fishing season opens in a week, better give these consideration: Men's hip rubber boots, lightest weight, can be rolled up and carried in the pocket, reduced from \$6.50 to—\$5.00. Heavier grade \$6.00 regular for—\$4.45.

Women's Separate Cloth Skirts Tailored to Order for—
\$25.00—Worth up to \$50.00.

A full season offer made to tide the Tailoring Department through the proverbial summer dull time. And a rare bit of good news is this for we have the best tailor hereabout, as you very well know, who guarantees every bit of his work. This price reduction includes visiting skirts—on train, box plaited, plaited, tucked with graduated flounces and a drop skirt of best taffeta silk finished with an accordion ruffle or the strictly walking skirt, handsomely stitched. The choice of materials is broad—etamines, wool crashes, hop sacking and others that will be displayed in the reception room up stairs in annex. These skirts during the busy season are never made under \$35.00 to \$50.00.

Samples of goods for making skirts can be sent to out of town patrons who wish to take advantage of this under-price.

A 98c Sale of Grenadines, French Voiles, Crepes,
Values \$1.50 to \$3.00 a Yard.

A splendid lot of choice fabrics that will make into handsome summer gowns and for a mere trifle of what the cost would be ordinarily—and here's a point in their favor well worth considering, while appropriate for right now they can be worn until winter snows drive them to the storeroom closet. French crepes and voiles in newest shades and black, 45 inches wide, \$1.50 a yard values and seventy-five dress patterns of rich black silk grenadines, seven yards in every length, that were cut for window displaying during last week's sale time and up to \$3.00 a yard, Monday and the week choose from any at—98c a yard.

Foulard Silks up to \$1.65 a yard—75c.

A charming collection of Foulard silks, choice colorings and pretty pattern designs, and this sale will probably close all opportunity to get them for another year at so little price. All \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.65 a yard kinds, Monday and the week—75c.

All-Over Laces at \$1.25 and \$2.25 a Yard.

As we told you the silk section will not keep trimmings after this season, they will be found in another part of the store and therein lies the reason for anxiety to clean up stock and this reduced price. Beautiful Plauen, Escorial, Venise, Valenciennes, Arabian and many others that make most exquisite yokes, sleeves and entire waists and which in the beginning of season sold at two and three times the price now asked, Monday and the week—\$1.25 and \$2.25 a yard.

Women's \$13.50 to \$20.00 Ready-to-Wear Tailor Suits—\$4.95.

Twenty-five make up the lot and most are in 32 and 34 sizes—misses of 16 to 18 can wear these smaller sizes—but the range is up to 42. So very possible is it the suit you want is in the group. They are made of chevots, Venetian, broadcloth and wool crashes, in navy blue, black, tan and red shades; Gibson, fancy eton with vests and blouse styles, \$13.50 up to \$20.00 suits, Monday and while they last—\$4.95.

20c and 25c Mulls and Batistes—13c.

More than fifty pieces so you may know choosing is as fine as can be. There are satin stripe mulls and lace stripe batistes in pinks, blues, gray and every other shade with figures, dots or stripes and plenty of plain color batistes. The best offering on these goods you will know again in a twelve-month. Sell regularly at 20c and 25c a yard, Monday and the week—13c.

45c and 50c Scotch Ginghams—35c.

While there is a thread of these together they will stand tubing. A lot of about twenty-five pieces of the excellent Anderson Scotch ginghams, 32 inches wide, almost any color combination of stripes, black and white, gray and white, red, pink, green and others. Monday and week instead of 45c and 50c a yard—35c.

\$1.75 a Yard Embroidered Swisses—65c.

Very rich summer gowns do these embroidered swisses make and in this lot you'll find almost every desirable kind—white embroidered in self color or white. All 44 inch wide fabrics. For a mid-season clearance sale marked down from \$1.75 a yard to—65c.

Women's 65c and 75c
Wrist Bags—45c.

A lot that may possibly last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Seal and ooze leather wrist bags, black and tan colors, reduced from 65c and 75c to—45c.

Boys' Knee Wash
Trousers—25c.

Made of percale, cotton chevot, lot, galatea and madras, stripes, medium and dark colors, strongly sewed, will stand laundering, patent belts. Very little price is—25c.

Cushion Tops—47c.

A lot of several dozens of stamped and tinted canvas cushion tops, poster effects and floral; originally they were 65c and 75c each, for clearance now—47c.

Mail Orders will be filled from any item on this page.

Walker Brothers Dry Goods Co.

New and Pretty Swiss
Frocks for Little Girls.

Newly received for summer time selling. And quite as airy and sweet as it is possible to make swiss when it has for decoration dainty lace, fine embroidery and ribbon. Cutest of styles—the long bodices with short skirt for the tiny girls and newest ideas for older ones. Sizes 4 to 14 years, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75 to \$8.50.

Women's Night Dresses
and Petticoats at Reduced Prices.

Women's cambric night dresses, round low neck with short or long sleeves, wash ribbon draw strings, hemstitching or linen lace trimming, \$1.50 and \$1.75 regular, Monday and the week—1.00.

Women's white cambric petticoats, made with deep lawn flounce that has three rows of wide linen lace insertion and edge to match; lawn dust ruffle. Reduced for Monday and the week from \$2.50 to—\$1.45.

Lot of Linoleums at
Marked Down Prices.
News of Art Squares.

The linoleums are all two yards wide, excellent colors, but only three patterns of one kind and two of another, Monday and Tuesday. The \$1.35 grade marked down to—\$1.10 and \$1.10 to—95c.

Granite ingrain art squares of extra quality and in exceedingly pretty color combinations and pattern designs, sizes 3x3, 3x3 1/2 and 3x4 yards, delightful bed chamber or dining room floor coverings and marked at the small price of \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$5.00 each.

Curtain Muslins and Silks
Monday and Tuesday
Prices.

Blue, yellow, green and salmon color curtain madras, 45 inches wide, a little lot of the 40c a yard quality for clearance in two days—25c.

Draperies silks, 31 inches wide, not a great variety nor a large quantity, but the 60c a yard, two days—45c.

Under-Prices on Hosiery
and Knit Garments.

Women's black brilliant lisle thread stockings, all over lace and very handsome patterns, reduced for Monday and the week from \$1.00 to—75c.

Women's fancy stockings—dainty color stripes and black lace effects with embroidery, instead of 75c a pair—50c.

Children's lisle thread stockings, lace effects that were 75c a pair for—50c.

Children's black cotton stockings, fine and coarse ribbed, medium weight, very elastic, 35c regular—25c.

Women's swiss vests, daintily lace trimmed, low neck, sleeveless, \$1.00 regular—75c.

Women's fancy silk-lisle vests with lace yoke, low neck, sleeveless, 75c value—60c.

Women's knit cotton drawers, umbrella style, trimmed with torchon lace, instead of 75c a pair—60c.

Hat Pins, Bracelets,
Scissors.

A group of turquoise and pearl stick pins, different sizes, that were 15c each, reduced to—8c.

Chain bracelets of plate gold, will not tarnish, instead of 75c each—42c.

Steel scissors, 4 to 6-inch sizes, 25c a pair at regular, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—15c.

Writing Tablets;
Toilet Water.

The good Hurlbut opera writing tablets in letter and packet sizes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25c for—12c, the 20c for—10c.

Some high grade Hurlbut writing paper, note and petite sizes only, three days instead of 20c a box—12c.

An extra quality of Violet toilet water, concentrated odor, sold regularly at 60c a bottle, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—37c.

Imitation Wedgewood
Pieces for Little.

Pretty pieces of imitation Wedgewood hair pin boxes, plaques, trinket boxes, small vases, etc., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, those that were 15c each for—9c; the 25c for—15c.

Good whisk brooms made with wired handles and two rows of stitching, 15c each kind, three days—10c.